

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7, 9, 11, 13, 15-19, 21 and 27-29 are presently active in this case, Claims 1, 11, 13 and 15 amended, and Claims 23-26 canceled by way of the present amendment.

In outstanding Office Action, the Abstract was objected to; Claims 1-7, 9, 11, 13, 15-19, 21 and 27-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; and Claims 1, 11 and 15 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

With regard to the objection to the Abstract, Applicants note that the Abstract filed on August 2, 2007 includes 146 words. This Abstract is submitted herewith on a separate sheet of paper. Therefore, the objection to the Abstract is believed to be overcome.

With regard to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §, second paragraph, Claims 1, 11 and 15 have been amended as suggested in the Office Action. Therefore, Claims 1, 11 and 15, as well as claims depending therefrom, are now in condition for allowance.

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Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application. The present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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